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Spring Break — "Toto" takes a stroll in the garden of the Provincetown home which he shares with Bill and Gladys Maynard, who found Toto at the League's Boston shelter when he was just a pup.

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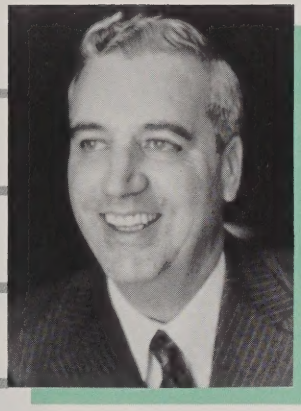

Arthur G. Slade, *President*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Can Rover Ride the Rail?

A recent edict by the Masachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) called for a complete prohibition of pet animals on the entire transit system. This brought forth a flood of protests from the pet-loving public who use the "T" as a regular means of transporting their pets, and a similar wave of protest came from animal welfare and animal control agencies.

The initial response I received from the General Manager of the MBTA indicated their intent to maintain their strict policy prohibiting all animals except for certified guide dogs for the blind and certified hearing ear dogs. It should be noted that Massachusetts General Law expressly provides for such guide dogs to have access to all forms of public transportation.

However, there was an indication that they were considering some of the concerns which had been presented to them.

Shortly after this response, the MBTA did make an announcement that they would soften their stance on pets and allow animals in secure carriers to be brought aboard trains as long as they can be carried by one person and do not annoy passengers, occupy seats, or restrict rider movement.

We are grateful for this reconsideration, but clearly it does not begin to address the problem these new restrictions cause for dog owners whose dogs are too large to fit into small carriers. Many people for years have used the MBTA to bring their dogs to veterinary clinics for necessary care and to transport them for various other reasons. For most of these people, this is the only means of transportation they have available to them. It is not unusual these days for people living in major large cities to rely solely on the public transport system. In fact, most cities, including Boston, strongly urge city dwellers and commuters to stay off the streets and use the "T." This situation is even more urgent for those people who are elderly and living on very limited incomes. It is their only choice.

Recent reports in the media bear out the fact that most major cities do allow the use of their public transit system by responsible pet owners. The key word here is "responsible." I would totally support the establishment and strict enforcement of "responsible" rules and regulations for pet owners who ride the rail with their pets. The animal should be on a leash, fully manageable by the owner, and well enough trained so as not to cause harm or discomfort to other passengers. Dogs who are not housebroken or are too ill or too old to travel in this way should be excluded.

Given reasonable rules and controls, it does seem that the MBTA should strongly consider allowing responsible pet owners with their pets back on the system.

Many other cities in this country and abroad have for years operated highly successful systems in this way. Sometimes I think this comes down to a matter of attitude of "can do" or "it's too much bother." We are often the first to say that our culture teaches and supports humane values, but is this really done when it is just convenient or do we truly practice what we preach? I realize that not everyone shares the same values, but these types of issues are important. If they are important enough to the pet-owning public, we need to demonstrate it by pledging ourselves to being responsible with our pets in all public places and disclaim the image that has arisen.

For our part, the League stands ready to work with public agencies, including the MBTA, to make traveling with your pets on the "T" a safe and pleasant experience for everyone who rides the "T."

Balancing the Scales

. . . a chronology of the uphill battle to create more equitable animal cruelty laws.

Thomas H. White directs criminal investigations and legislative services to protect pets from abuse.

A man from a North Shore community who was found guilty of hanging a friend's cat in a bizarre occult ceremony was sentenced to serve one year in jail.

At about the same time, a Cape Cod man tied a brick to his puppy's neck and drowned it in a river because it "had messed his carpet." His sentence? A year on probation, and a $200 fine! This discrepancy in meting out justice is a direct result of the Commonwealth's current state cruelty statutes which link the punishment for the crime, not to its severity, but to ownership or non-ownership of the animal victim.

How did this situation arise? Under the current state law, a person who maims or kills his own animal is prosecuted under the cruelty to animals law, which provides a maximum penalty of a $1,000 fine, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. Since this is a misdemeanor, penalties are usually quite a bit less than the maximum.

Those, however, who "willfully and maliciously kill, maim or disfigure any horse, cattle, or other animal *of another person*" can be prosecuted under the "malicious killing law," essentially aimed at protecting *property* rights, the violation of which calls for imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years, or by a fine of not more than $1,000 and imprisonment in jail for not more than one year, depending on the discretion of the judge in determining whether the crime is a felony or a misdemeanor.

Motivated by a strong conviction that punishment should be determined by the severity and cruelty of the crime rather than by the relationship of the perpetrator to the animal, the League initiated legislation that would create equity in sentencing by adding a felony section to the cruelty statute. First introduced in 1989, this proposed legislation would have allowed the courts to hand down more appropriate penalties to those who demonstrate intentional and severe cruelty to their own animals.

For the next two years this legislation was refiled, but no action was taken, despite strong support from the Commonwealth's humane and animal welfare organizations, and concerned individuals who were appalled by the accounts of senseless cruelty to animals which appear in the media on a regular basis.

In 1992, the League, in its testimony in support of the bill, pointed out that the problem with the current statute is its inherent limitations, which prevent courts from handing down sentences appropriate to the enormity of the crime.

In the widely publicized case of Brian Watson, for example, whose menagerie of exotic and domestic animals were kept in cruel and unsanitary conditions, and regularly beaten (some of them, beaten to death), the judge was only able to sentence him to the maximum one year in prison. He was so angered, however, that he stated, on the record: "If I could make it five years, I would."

That same year, the first strong opposition to the bill appeared when the medical research community introduced an amendment to the bill that would effectively exempt biomedical research institutions from the law's provisions.

In an editorial in *Our Fourfooted Friends,* League president Arthur G. Slade stated: "Nothing in our actions or thinking in proposing this legislation was motivated by any matters relating to biomedical research . . . It seems astounding that the biomedical institutions would request such an exemption when the act prohibited is specifically described as a person who willfully and in a malicious manner kills, maims, or disfigures an animal.

"By the same token, it is impossible to accept the bill with this amendment. . . . it in essence puts certain individuals, groups of individuals, and institutions above the law."

Thomas H. White, director of criminal investigation and legislative services at the League, presented further arguments at a Senate hearing in a report titled "The Research Paradox." In it, he stated: "The research community is *already* protected from frivolous complaints under case law. In several instances the courts have held that state laws involving cruelty to animals did not apply to medical or scientific experiments using live animals because the pain inflicted was 'not unnecessary or unjustifiable.'"

Subsequently, steps were taken in 1994 to assuage the concerns of the medical research community that the wording of the bill might be misinterpreted. The research group withdrew the requested amendment, and all parties concerned, including the League and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, agreed that the term "maliciously kills" would be further defined as "any intentional killing without legal justification or excuse."

This consensus marked the end to an impasse, but even though the last hurdle had been cleared, the 1994 legislative session came to a close with no action taken.

With the opening of the 1995 session, the legislation was filed once again as Senate Bill #192, submitted by Senator William R. Keating (D) of Sharon and sponsored by the Animal Rescue League of Boston. This bill would elevate the status of cruelty to one's own animal to a felony or a misdemeanor, depending on the court's judgment of the crime's severity, and increase the fines that could be imposed under both laws. Under the proposed legislation, those found guilty of willfully or maliciously killing, maiming, or disfiguring either their own animals or an animal owned by someone else would face either imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years and a fine of not more then $5,000, or imprisonment in jail for not more than two and one-half years and a fine of not more than $1,000.

It is now certainly time to move forward with passage of this bill which would provide a long-overdue correction in the inequity of the present animal cruelty laws.

Voice Your Support!

Write to your own Senator and State Representative urging them to support passage of S192, and send copies of your letter to the following legislators:

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Before DISASTER Strikes

The animal victims of floods, hurricanes, and other natural disasters are largely domestic pets separated from their owners when families are forced to evacuate homes.

The officials ring your doorbell and tell you to evacuate your house *now* — that it's in the path of the DISASTER. You only have ten minutes to get out. You grab some photographs, precious papers, clothes, and the family — oh, and the pets.

Hours (or minutes) later, the DISASTER'S over. You can't return to your house yet, so you begin looking for a place for your family to stay. To your surprise, none of the hotels you know of will accept pets, nor do the Red Cross shelters. The animal shelters are overflowing already with abandoned and stray animals. What now? You don't even have basic pet supplies, and the stores that are still standing are sold out. You never dreamed that your pets would complicate things so much.

The solution is simple — plan ahead. If you do, you'll be able to fully care for your pets during those first traumatic days following a DISASTER. To help you assemble these emergency packs, we've compiled a checklist of supplies to gather and procedures to create now while you're clear-headed and have the time.

Your pet

If you must evacuate your house, don't leave your pet behind. If it's unsafe for you to remain, then it's unsafe for your pet as well. During this summer's Georgia flood, our staff came upon some heartbreaking scenes of pets left to fend for themselves. Dogs on porches, cats on roofs, and even worse — dogs chained in the backyard struggling on their back legs to breathe against the rising waters.

The safest place for your pet during an emergency is with you, but don't sacrifice yourself by needlessly staying in a dangerous situation, like your house during a hurricane. You don't do your animals any good if you're incapacitated or dead, so include your pets in your disaster and evacuation plans.

If you become separated from your pets, don't stop looking. It could take months to track them down. After the Los Angeles earthquake last year, it took almost a week just for the animals to come out of hiding. And during Hurricane Andrew, it took months to track down owners whose homes had been destroyed.

List of hotels

Many human shelters, including Red Cross evacuation sites, don't accept pets. Contact your county or city office of emergency management to find out if any of your local disaster centers will allow you to bring your pets. If they don't, look now for a place your entire family will be welcome and safe. List the pet-accepting hotels within your area (in case just your house is affected by a fire or broken pipes) and outside your area (in case of a tornado, earthquake, flood, or hurricane). Write down their names, phone numbers, addresses, and most importantly, the directions — maps and phones may not be available when you need them.

List of boarding facilities

If the disaster demolishes your house, you may have to spend weeks or months with friends or in a temporary haven. Or you may discover that with the rush on hotel rooms, the pet-accepting hotels have filled up. In this case, your pets may have to stay in a boarding kennel. Be sure to inspect the candidates ahead of time and ask them if they too have an evacuation plan, in case the disaster (like rising water) spreads to their facility.

List of friends and relatives

A better alternative to boarding facilities is friends or relatives. Personalized care by someone your pets know far outweighs what most kennels could possibly offer. These people should be willing and able to care for your pets for an extended period of time if you lose your home, and they should live at least a hundred miles away (out of range of a large disaster).

Don't forget to figure out how to get your pets to them. If you'll have to ship your pets, find out how to do it, what you'll need to do to qualify, and how much it costs. Money may be a scarce resource if the banks are closed and you lose your credit cards.

ID tags

If you're at an evacuation center or in the hospital, you may not be reachable after a disaster, so *your* name and address on your pets' tags don't help. Even if you're home, no one will be able to contact you if the phone lines are down in your neighborhood. To solve this, put an out-of-state name and address on the tags so that someone who cares about your pets is immediately notified. During Hurricane Andrew last year, hundreds of tagged animals were displaced and could have been quickly reunited with their owners if their tags had had the phone number of someone outside of that devastated area.

Health certificates

Most boarding kennels won't accept your pets, even in a disaster, unless you can prove that they've been vaccinated against the basic communicable diseases, especially rabies. Hotels and foster homes also appreciate (and may demand) this show of concern. And it protects your pets from acquiring anything during this already stressful time.

Photos

If you're separated from your pets during a disaster, a photo allows you to prove to anyone — government officials, boarding kennels, stables, animal shelters — that those pets are yours.

But be sure to keep your photos current — no adorable bouncing puppy photos of your now 150-pound St. Bernard will do. Nor will the tightly curled cat on the pillow help, because your pet's distinct marking are hidden. Take portrait-type mug shots showing your pet's face, ears, tail, coat length, and any unusual markings — spots on the belly, swirls on the back, etc. You might even put in a chair or other piece of furniture that can show the relative size of your pets. Keep the negatives with your photos in case you need to pass out copies among shelters, stables, or around the neighborhood.

Carriers

For safe transport, nothing beats a portable carrier made of plastic. The cardboard ones fall apart if they get wet. Purchase carriers large enough for your pets to stand up and turn around in (or spread their wings), as they may have to live in them for awhile. A pet in a carrier shows hotels, kennels, and evacuation centers that you're a caring and responsible owner, which may help you and your pets gain entrance. And if you must leave your pet at an animal shelter, the carrier will be much appreciated since cage space will be at a premium during disasters.

For your pets, the carrier may represent a known place in changing times. To make it even more comfortable, leave a favorite toy and cushion or blanket in it. You might also toss in an extra sheet to cover the crate for an added calming effect.

Fires present an unusual circumstance because there's no warning and you must leave your house without hesitation. You may not have time to grab anything but your pets — in which case, pillowcases make safe cat carriers.

Leash

The carrier can also serve as the ideal storage area for emergency supplies, like an extra leash. You may not have time to search for a leash when an emergency strikes.

For your cats, keep a harness in their carriers. If they have to live in the crate for a few days, they'll need to be let out to use the litter box or just for exercise, and a harness prohibits any chance of escape.

Food, water, & litter

Keep three days of bottled water and food in the carrier or in a special emergency pack. Place the food in moisture-proof containers, and unless your carriers came with attachable food and water cups, add some bowls for that purpose.

For your cats add a supply of litter and a simple litter box, like a small, shallow cardboard box or foil pan. For your birds or small mammals, add some bedding or newspaper.

First aid kit

Veterinarians may be scarce during the first moments of a disaster, so store some medical supplies in your carrier or emergency pack and know how to use them. Some basic items would be scissors, antiseptic, bandages, tape, tweezers, cotton swabs, eyewash, and a book on pet first aid. Ask your veterinarian for suggestions on what to include for your individual pets, and be aware that many human medicines are not suitable for animals. Even many dog medicines are harmful to cats and vice versa.

Medicines

If your pets are on any type of medication, place a week's supply in your emergency pack. Don't forget to include your dogs' heartworm pills.

You may be reluctant to follow this checklist and prepare an emergency kit because it will take time, and you may never need it. But please remember that our staff has seen thousands of pets suffer and even die because their owners had not thought ahead. These preparations could save your pets' lives and save you a lot of grief.

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The Write Stuff: A Letter of Love

Abandoned in Walpole a few days before Christmas, a brown and black two-year-old Shepherd mix dog, with a paralyzed front leg that had to be amputated, captured the hearts of everyone who cared for her at the League, as well as the general public who learned of her plight through extensive media coverage.

Calls poured in to the League from people offering a home to "Chris," the name given to her by League staff members. Despite her pain and suffering, Chris was loving, trusting, and affectionate throughout her ordeal. "When we brought the dog to the League, its left front leg was paralyzed, and its paw was raw from being dragged on the ground as it walked," said Alan B. Borgal, law enforcement coordinator at the League and Chris' unofficial caretaker and friend during her stay at the League.

Surgery was performed to remove the dog's leg at Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine, and Borgal brought the dog, in good spirits, back to the League for recuperation and, shortly thereafter, for adoption by a family in a greater Boston suburb, with three children as well as another canine companion for Chris.

In mid-February, Alan Borgal and all of the staff members who had grown attached to her, were delighted to receive a letter from Chris, written with a little help from her new loving family. Here are some excerpts from Chris' chatty and very cheering note:

Dear Friends at the League,

I just thought I would write you a note and tell you how I am doing. Well, I was a little nervous when we left in the car but I was very good on the ride home. I think I impressed them when I jumped right into the car without any help!

When we arrived home I was so excited to see where I was that I couldn't wait to take a tour of the house, I was off and roaming. I immediately found a couple of great places to sleep in. I am very proud to say I have never had an accident in the house.

The second day I went for another ride in the car to the vet's office for a rabies shot and just to meet the vet. She was very impressed with my gentle manner and I was quite a celebrity in the waiting room since everyone saw me on the news. Oh, by the way, Alan, I can *give my paw, surprise, surprise! You should have seen how excited the boys were when I did that. The first couple of days I still had trouble getting comfortable missing my leg and all, but now I am quite comfortable. The fur is even coming in.*

Oh, here is a funny story. The little boys wanted me to come into their classes so I could meet their classmates. All the fourth-grade children were so full of questions about how I got hurt and I could tell they felt sad for me. But you won't believe this. When I went down to the first grade not one of the students even noticed I only had three legs. At first I thought, my God, what a dumb bunch of kids but then I realized that children of that age simply don't notice everything. They just accept you as you are. Neat, huh?

The boys are great to me. They love to take me out back and play fetch the stick, or ball. I really am quite good at running even without my leg. The boys have learned that if I can make do with one leg so beautifully then everyone can be successful no matter what their handicap might be.

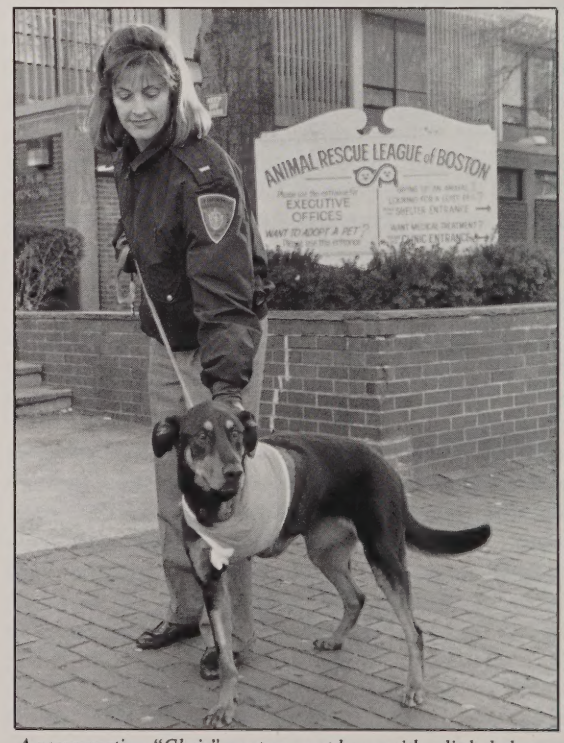
Jesse James (the family's other dog) certainly lived up to his name. For the first week I just stood back and let him eat my dinner every day. Now I have learned what a wuss he really is and never let him have what is mine. I was getting pretty sick of the whole deal so I let him have it one night. Boy, was he ever surprised. He is a good guy, though. This weekend we are going up to the farm for the first time . . . I love to ride.

Well, there isn't much else new here to tell you. You know, Alan, I was a little upset when you didn't keep me yourself; after all, I thought I communicated to you well enough that I wanted to stay with you, but all is forgiven. I saw how difficult it was for you to let me go, but I also know that you knew that I would probably have a fuller life with kids, a friend (Jesse), and lots of space to run around in. One thing is for sure, my new family surely loves me lots and I love them all too!

Love, Chris

P.S. from Chris' owners:

Chris has certainly won all our hearts! I fully expected some kind of transition, some problem to work on with Chris but none at all has presented itself. She is a perfect dog. It feels as though Chris has been part of our family always. I knew my "woman's intuition" was right — Chris belongs in this family. What a little sweetheart. All I wonder is how anyone could have hurt her. Thank you again for the best present anyone has given me and my boys in a long time!



A recuperating "Chris" ventures outdoors with a little help from Jacquelin Louzan of the law enforcement department.

Is this the one? Casey McDaniel, 4, of Norwood picks out a pet at the Boston adoption shelter.

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During 1994, the ARL's 96th year of service, several steps were taken to prepare the League to meet most effectively the humane needs of the 21st century. While a long-range planning committee of the board of directors identified and charted future directions, staff action teams worked together to implement new and more streamlined operating procedures, develop continuing education programs for employees, and identify future resource and equipment needs.

With the help and generous support of 34,060 members, including 2,586 new friends who joined the League this year, we were able to provide humane services to over 83,000 animals in 1994.

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The League's pet adoption program continued to be a source of deep gratification for all of those involved in these rewarding efforts. A total of 4,944 animals were placed in new homes, an increase of 3% over the previous year's adoption rate. This total included 1,491 dogs, 3,148 cats, and 305 miscellaneous animals, such as rabbits, guinea pigs, and pet birds. Another 1,050 lost pets were reunited with their owners.

Shelter agents responded to 9,672 calls for assistance with animal-related problems or emergencies. Coming to the aid of animals in trouble involved responding to a wide and varied assortment of predicaments, including a cat that fell into a well, a cow that ran away from home, and numerous ducks and injured waterfowl rescued from icy ponds and rivers.

Pets in need of health care made nearly 10,000 outpatient visits to the League's veterinary clinic, where veterinarians also performed 1,800 spay and/or neuter operations and attended to the day-to-day health care needs of the Boston shelter pet population.

The League's inspection, investigative, and law enforcement activities continued at a high level with law enforcement officers conducting 1,308 investigations into reports of cruelty or neglect during 1994, involving a total of 3,500 animals.

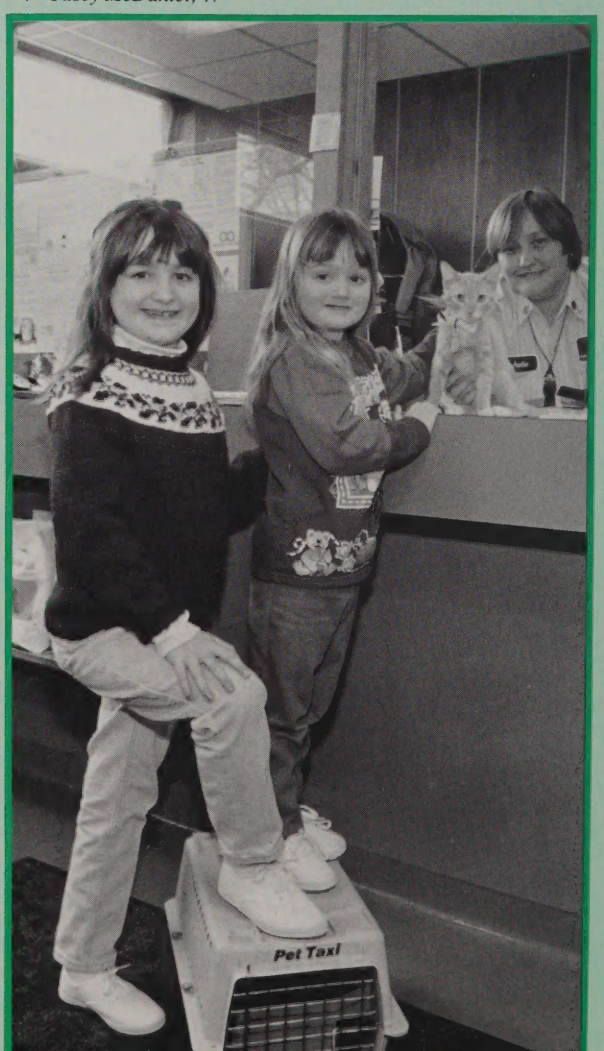
In addition, law enforcement officers monitored the care and well-being of another 45,435 animals during 215 regular inspections of stables, fairs, pet shops, research laboratories, and other places where animals are kept for commercial purposes.

Many of the cruelty investigations led to criminal prosecutions. A New Bedford-area man who had cut off a puppy's tail in cruel and unsanitary conditions was apprehended, pled guilty, and was sentenced to a year in prison. An Everett man was charged with repeatedly beating his puppy, a five-month-old golden retriever which the League was able to place in a new home after the dog's former owner relinquished custody of the animal and agreed to one year of pre-trial probation, during which time he cannot own any other animals.

On Cape Cod, investigators responding to neighbors' complaints found 100 dead rabbits, ducks, and chickens on the property of a man who had been hospitalized for several weeks. The caretaker who had been left in charge of the animals had moved, leaving the animals outdoors to die of starvation, and a dog alone and hungry inside the house. The investigation into this case is continuing.

In January 1994, the long-awaited protective legislation for carriage horses in the Commonwealth went into effect, regulating for the first time the care, licensing, operation, health, and safety of these animals. The League's efforts to halt the use of the inhumane padded-jaw leghold trap continued, as did major efforts to secure passage of the legislation that would increase the penalties for injuring one's own animals, thereby providing equity in sentencing for cruelty to animals convictions (see article on p. 4).

Adoption supervisor Judy Cooper greets sisters Kelly, 7, and Casey McDaniel, 4.



Dr. Edward Le
Cindy Foley c

Dr. Bosmat Gal examines a canine patient, assisted by Diane Day, office supervisor in the veterinary outpatient clinic.

prepares to administer a rabies shot, as shelter assistant reluctant patient.

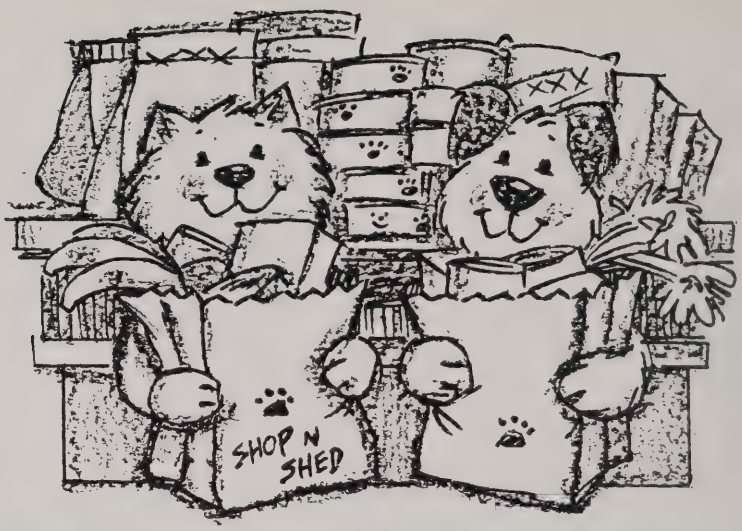
Shelter veterinary technician Sandy Dustin gives some grooming assistance to an adoption candidate.

At the close of 1994, the League's Safford Animal Shelter in Dedham celebrated its ninth anniversary with the adoption of the 10,000th pet to be placed since the shelter opened in 1985.

The League's Cape Cod Branch in Brewster continued to conduct weekly pet therapy programs in nursing homes in the Yarmouth to Brewster area, as well as pet shows, school presentations, and other community outreach activities.

Education and community service continued as a priority, with the League involved in the continued education of animal control officers and other municipal agents involved in animal-related issues. In one such program, League staff members shared the latest information and techniques to save animals trapped in icy waters in an ice rescue demonstration for members of the Westwood Fire Department, held at Buckminster Pond.

For the first time, the Animal Friends Summer School in Cataumet offered a choice of two full-day or half-day sessions of animal-related classes and activities for youngsters living or vacationing on Cape Cod. The humane education department also continued its programs of pet care demonstrations in classrooms, and shelter tours and presentations for school groups at the League, with the goal of teaching children to love and respect animals at an early age. People of all ages are provided with information on pet care and animal-related issues through League pamphlets, public service announcements, and the quarterly publication of *Our Fourfooted Friends*.



A Veterinary Update:

Food for Thought

By Edward A. Leonard, D.V.M.

Nutrition-conscious consumers can be seen in the supermarket today poring over the information on food product labels, carefully analyzing calorie counts and carbohydrate levels. When it comes to purchasing pet food, however, the same consumers are likely to choose products based on price, advertising claims, or past experience with their dog or cat's taste preference.

According to pet food industry statistics, pet owners in the United States spend more than $8 billion annually, choosing from thousands of different food products. In order to make a more intelligent choice from this dizzying array of products, pet owners should learn to read and understand the labels on the back of pet food cans, rather than simply accepting the promotional claims on the front of the can.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates certain labeling claims, but is primarily concerned with health claims, such as those made by manufacturers of diets including medication for specific diseases, available only by prescription.

Products available in grocery or specialty stores fall into two categories: regular pet food and the special "science" diet foods, which are a lot more technical in their labeling information.

If a product advertises itself as "nutritionally adequate," ask yourself: "By whose standards?" Labels should carry a statement to the effect that the product "meets the minimum nutritional levels" established by an independent reviewing organization, either the National Research Council (NRC) or the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO). The AAFCO, which is an organization of federal and state officials responsible for regulating label text and ingredient listing, conducts feeding trials of products, so you can be assured the food has passed a "taste test" by real animals.

A pet food label should also carry two other important pieces of information: an analysis of crude protein, fat, fiber, and moisture, and an ingredient list, which may or may not always be helpful. Check to make sure the ingredients at least sound edible!

Finally, make sure the product is designed to meet the nutritional needs of your pet's particular stage in life, whether it is a "growth" diet intended for young animals with high energy needs, or a "maintenance" diet for adult animals.

After you've done your required reading, always watch to see how your pet reacts on a particular diet. Is it gaining or losing too much weight? Are energy levels good? Are coat and eyes bright and shiny? Your reward for this vigilance will be a happy, well-fed, and healthy companion.

Using Oil Supplements

Dog owners who are considering supplementing their pet's diet with corn oil, cod liver oil, or a commercial fatty acid supplement to produce a shiny coat should be aware that there are important choices to be made. While many animals will do fine on the classic animal fat or vegetable oil, animals with allergies may react better to a different type of supplement, an Omega 3 oil. A number of different commercial supplements are available, in both premeasured capsule or liquid form. Read the label carefully to determine what effect the product is designed to achieve, and consult your veterinarian if you have questions.

Heartworm Reminder!

It's time for dog owners to have their pets tested for heartworm disease and placed on preventive medication until mosquito season ends and the threat of infestation subsides, in late fall or early winter. Transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito, heartworms live in the dog's heart and, left untreated, cause coughing, lethargy, weight loss, shortness of breath, and, ultimately, collapse.

10,000TH PET ADOPTED!

A Double Celebration at Dedham's 9th Anniversary

Hollie Bloom, shelter assistant, congratulates Mary Beth Benson and Paul Shea on their adoption of the 10,000th pet placed by the Dedham shelter.

A four-month-old male tiger cat became the 10,000th pet adopted from the League's Safford Adoption Shelter in Dedham, Saturday, December 17, when he was chosen by Mary Beth Benson and Paul Shea of Hyde Park.

The landmark adoption took place coincidentally on the shelter's ninth anniversary. The League opened the Safford Shelter at its 22-acre Pine Ridge Animal Center on December 17, 1985.

The couple and their new pet were presented with gifts including a new collar and a leash, and a $100 gift certificate donated by Pet Supply Depot in Dedham. Adoption fees were also waived, and spaying/neutering will be provided free of charge by the League. Shelter manager Lisa Syngay said, "We are very proud and gratified to be able to find homes for 10,000 animals in just nine years, but many more animals are still waiting." Shelter visiting hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and pet adoption gift certificates are available for holiday giving.

The League's Pine Ridge facility, located on Pine Street in Dedham, was the original home of Anna Harris Smith, who founded the Animal Rescue League of Boston in 1899, and opened a rest home for horses at the site in 1907. Today the site is also the location of the Pine Ridge Cemetery for Small Animals, and a restored colonial barn which serves as a home for large farm animals in need of a temporary shelter.

Now seven months old, the kitten, named "Glenn," has adjusted beautifully to his new home, according to Mary Beth Benson. "He's wonderful! He purrs constantly, and he gets along perfectly with our other cat, a 15 lb. tiger called 'Lewis.' They play together, and they sleep together, with their arms wrapped around each other!"

The Dedham staff celebrates a special adoption on the shelter's ninth anniversary (l to r): Judy Finch, Alan Cunningham, Hollie Bloom, Mary Beth Benson, Paul Shea, shelter manager Lisa Syngay, and Robert Walsh, director of operations.

NEWSFRONT

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON

PUPPY CAPTURES NATION'S HEART

The plight of this three-week-old puppy, found in early March by League agents abandoned in a dumpster near Fenway Park in Boston, drew hundreds of phone calls from compassionate viewers up and down the eastern seaboard after local television coverage of the puppy's heartless abandonment was picked up by national networks. Here shelter manager Paula Ouimette cuddles the pup which received medical care and was then placed temporarily with a surrogate nursing foster mother.

Severely dehydrated and suffering from an improperly docked tail, the puppy is being nursed back to health in preparation for future adoption. Anyone with information concerning this puppy's abandonment should contact the League's law enforcement department at (617) 426-9170.

LEAGUE APPOINTS NEW MANAGER AT DEDHAM BRANCH

Lisa M. Syngay was appointed shelter manager at the League's Safford Animal Shelter in Dedham in November, 1994. Prior to her promotion, she had served as shelter agent at the Dedham branch since October, 1993.

A graduate of Bridgewater State College with a B.S. degree in biology, Syngay has been surrounded by animals from childhood, having grown up on a family farm in Franklin, Mass.

WANTED: WOMEN AND THEIR BEST FRIENDS!

Barbara E. Cohen and Louise Taylor, authors of *Dogs and Their Women,* now in its seventh printing, are seeking photographs and stories for a second volume, entitled *More Dogs and Their Women,* to be published by Little, Brown and Company.

For details on how to submit material for inclusion in this book, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: *More Dogs and Their Women,* P.O. Box 453, Provincetown, MA 02657.

IN MEMORY OF "MOOSE"

Staff members at the League's Pine Ridge Animal Center in Dedham suffered a sad loss this past winter, when "Moose," official shelter cat, greeter, mascot, and friend died in early December.

Originally a stray who was found in Needham and brought to the League in November, 1986, for the past eight years the large black-and-white cat was an imposing presence, greeting visitors most often from a comfortable perch on top of the shelter reception desk. Moose was cremated and his ashes are now kept in a special urn "high on a shelf, in the shelter where he belongs," says shelter manager Lisa Syngay.

"GIRL" WINS DOG HERO AWARD

"Girl," a 3½-year-old German Shepherd from Martins Ferry, Ohio, was selected from more than 200 entries nationwide as the 41st winner of the annual Ken-L Ration Dog Hero of the Year Award, now cosponsored by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Girl is pictured here visiting with owner Ray Ellis who is recuperating in the hospital from the accident which could have taken his life had not Girl come to the rescue. Ellis was cutting trees in the woods near his home when a tree branch knocked him unconscious, and his chain saw nearly severed his left foot. His loyal companion, Girl, ran to the house and alerted Ellis' wife, Dorothy, to the fact that something was wrong, and led her to the spot where her husband lay, unconscious and bleeding. "She kept jumping up and down, then running to the corner of the yard in the direction of Ray, and then come back to me. I knew something was up," said Mrs. Ellis.

AN EXPANDED ROLE FOR LEAGUE EDUCATION DIRECTOR

The League has announced an expanded role for education director Edward Powers, whose duties in the future will include developing specialized training and educational workshops for League employees, and coordinating special events in support of the League's fundraising and public awareness efforts.

Powers joined the League staff in 1982 and has served in the roles of kennel attendant, summer camp counselor, law enforcement officer, and in his current position as director of education and the League's summer camp program. He has a B.S. degree in animal science, and a master's degree in education.

WSPA TEAM AIDS ANIMAL VICTIMS OF JAPAN'S EARTHQUAKE

The World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) sent an emergency animal aid team, headed by WSPA's international projects director John Walsh, to Kobe, Japan, to organize emergency care for the animals left homeless by this winter's major earthquake. In addition to establishing an emergency animal shelter in Nishinomiya for displaced pets, the team took part in individual animal rescue efforts, including the daring rescue of a dog that had been abandoned for seven days on the roof of a high-rise that was about to collapse.

A permanent facility which can hold up to 200 or more dogs and cats is being developed by WSPA in cooperation with government officials, the local veterinarian association, and the Japan Animal Welfare Society (JAWS).

LOW-COST RABIES PROTECTION FOR DOGS AND CATS

In an effort to ensure that all pet owners protect their pets from the deadly threat imposed by the presence of the raccoon rabies strain in Massachusetts, the League will hold three rabies clinics this spring in various Boston neighborhoods. Rabies inoculations will be provided at a cost of $2.00 each, free to pet owners 60 and over. Clinics will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following dates:

Saturday, April 8, at the Boston Fire Department's Engine #20, 301 Neponset Avenue, Dorchester.

Saturday, April 22, at Engine Company #41, Ladder 14, 460 Cambridge Street, Allston.

Saturday, May 6, at the League's headquarters, 10 Chandler Street (corner of Arlington and Tremont streets) in Boston.

City of Boston current dog licenses may also be obtained at the clinics, at a cost of $4 for males and spayed females, $15 for unspayed females.

SIGN UP NOW FOR ANIMAL FRIENDS SUMMER CAMP

The League's Animal Friends Summer Camp in Cataumet, now in its 46th season, will again offer youngsters a choice of full- or half-day sessions of animal-related classes and hands-on activities.

Youngsters living or vacationing on Cape Cod will have an opportunity to participate in such programs as ocean ecology, care for small pets, horse care, farm life, nature exploration, dog obedience, and a variety of crafts and hobby activities.

Session I, from June 26 to July 14, is open to youngsters from third grade up to the ages of 13. Session II, from July 17 to August 11, is open to children entering grades 1, 2, or 3 in the fall. Children may be enrolled for either full-day (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) or half-day (morning or afternoons) programs. For the first time, the camp is also offering the options of enrolling for one or two weeks, rather than the full three- or four-week session.

SESSION I:

June 26 to July 14, 1995
(Three-week session)
Registration Fee: $255 (full-day)
$170 (half-day)
(For each additional child in a family, $210 full-day, $150 half-day.
For one week only, $90 full-day,
$60 half-day)

SESSION II

July 17 to August 11, 1995
(Four-week session)
Registration Fee: $340 (full-day)
$225 (half-day)
(For each additional child in a family, $280 full-day, $200 half-day.
For one week only, $90 full-day,
$60 half-day)

ANNUAL PET SHOW

Saturday, July 22, 1995
10 a.m., Nye Field, North Falmouth
(Rain date: July 23)

For more information or to register, contact: Edward J. Powers, Director, Animal Friends Summer School, Animal Rescue League of Boston, P.O. Box 265, Boston, MA 02117, (617) 426-9170.

PUTTING FOR PETS!

On Tuesday, September 19, the Animal Rescue League of Boston will host a fundraising golf tournament at the Wayland Country Club. The format for the event will be a best ball scramble. For information on how to sign up, either individually or in foursomes, contact Ed Powers or Laura MacFeeley at 426-9170.

Careers

If you didn't already know, the week of May 7–13, 1995, is "Be Kind to Animals Week." During this week there are many events and activities taking place that people can take part of to help PROMOTE "Be Kind to Animals." What about people who make a career of being kind to animals every day? If you love animals, you might want to get a job helping them when you get older. There are many CAREERS working with animals you may choose.

One career choice would be a **veterinarian.** "Vets" are doctors for sick and injured animals. They also help animals stay healthy by EXAMINING them and giving them VACCINATIONS yearly. Some vets only work with small animals, such as dogs, cats, and rabbits, while others take care of farm animals, such as horses, cows, and pigs. A "zoo vet" would care for many different kinds of EXOTIC animals, such as lions, zebras, and elephants. Veterinarians work hard for their education and must attend college for at least eight years.

Another career for people who love animals would be to work for a **humane society** or **animal shelter.** There are many different types of jobs at a humane society or shelter. The people in charge are called **shelter managers**. They make sure everyone is doing the best job they can to take care of the animals, and they are in charge of making many important decisions. If you like working with the animals, you might choose to be a **kennel attendant** or an **animal caretaker.** These hardworking people give the homeless animals food and water. They clean their cages, spend time with them, and make sure the animals are healthy and happy while they are waiting to be adopted into a new home. The main REQUIREMENT for becoming an animal caretaker is a love for animals.

Humane societies also EMPLOY humane agents, which consist of **ambulance drivers, inspectors,** and **investigators.** Ambulance drivers are responsible for picking up abandoned, unwanted, and injured animals. If an animal is sick or injured, the ambulance would be sent out immediately. It does not have to be a dog or cat; it could be a wild animal, such as a deer, a opossum, or a pigeon. If any animal is sick or injured, the ambulance drivers will assist the animal. They have special equipment to use and wear when dealing with different animals so that they don't get hurt or bitten by the animal. Inspectors check on pet shops, zoos, and other places where animals are kept to make sure the animals are being cared for properly and treated well. Investigators ENFORCE laws that protect animals from being mistreated. If they receive a call from someone being cruel to an animal, they will go and investigate the situation and talk to the people.

Many humane societies have **humane education instructors.** These people visit schools and clubs to talk with children from preschool age to high school, to teach them about pets, kindness, responsibility, and safety around animals. They also visit nursing homes where they bring animals for the people to see and spend time with.

Some people groom animals as a career. They comb, brush, wash, clip animal fur, and cut their nails. Grooming is especially important with certain types of long-haired dogs and cats to keep their fur from getting tangled and matted. **Groomers** go to a special school to learn this skill.

A dog trainer is another career with animals that requires special schooling. **Trainers** teach how to behave and obey commands. The trainer also teaches the animal's owner how to handle the animal with gentleness and patience.

State and National Parks have people working for them that have studied animals and nature. They may be called **naturalists, wildlife biologists, foresters,** or **ecologists.** These people help to keep the wildlife healthy and safe. They teach park visitors about the animals, plants, trees, and birds that live there.

Another career an animal or nature lover might choose is a **wildlife artist** or **photographer.** These talented people photograph, draw, or paint animals and nature scenes for magazines, books, brochures, films, and posters. Some people decorate their homes and offices with this artwork.

People can get jobs as **pet sitters** or **dog walkers** for individuals with busy schedules or pet owners who go out of town and can't take their pets with them. Others run boarding kennels where pet owners can leave their animals for several days or weeks when they go on vacation. The owner of a good boarding kennel will provide food, water, shelter, and exercise for the pets left in their care.

These are just a few of the many animal-related careers. Can you think of any others? Which would you choose?

VOCABULARY WORDS

Examine – to look at closely
Vaccinations – shots to prevent diseases
Exotic – unusual, not found in this country, foreign
Requirement – something you must have
Employ – give a paying job to someone
Enforce – make sure something is being done
Promote – to encourage
Career – a job one chooses, a course of one's occupation

WORD SEARCH

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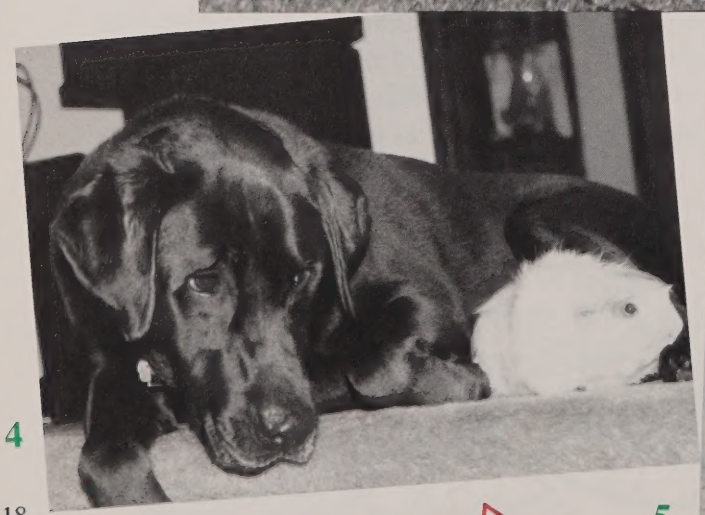

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1 "Mopsy" may look like she's ready to hit the road, but she's actually settled in nicely with Robert and Marilyn Jacobi of Harwich, who found their new housemate at the League's Brewster shelter. "After a few days, she was completely at home, and almost has us trained," they write.

2 "I had the marvelous fortune of finding 'Parish' (Big P) at the shelter in Boston in 1982, and the old man, estimated at a hearty 13 years, has yet to show much gray," writes Cambridge native Andrew Black who has been living and working in Tokyo for the past seven years. "Parish has been of indispensable affection and support in what can be tough times in a foreign country," he writes.

"The material hanging behind him, and the paper umbrella, is decorated with characters that represent fish names (yum, yum). Perhaps this is why he posed so cooperatively. Please accept my humblest thanks for the happiness you have made possible."

3 Scott Donahue of Boston writes: "Everyone says 'Guinness' is the world's best dog! He's now about 50 pounds heavier than in the snapshot, but just as handsome! He comes to work with me every day and we've never had a behavior problem . . . I think if you asked him, Guinness would say he's very happy."

4 "Fred" casts a watchful eye on "Toni" the guinea pig, adopted in 1992 by Pamela Varriale of Medway, who also added two more guinea pigs to her family last summer, "Spike" and "Vinny" (also known as "the boys"). "They all love it here," she writes. "Lots of treats and love! Thank you!"

5 Collecting seashells is one of "Maggie's" favorite hobbies, according to owner Michelle Kaplan of Brighton. "She loves to go on field trips especially where water is involved." Adopted a year ago from the League's Dedham shelter, "Maggie has adjusted just fine to her new home."

6 "Winston" may be small, but he's taken over the director's seat at the Malden home of Mark and Karen Leff, who adopted their kitten from the Boston shelter last November. "He is quite a guy!" they write.

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The League continues to rely on the generosity of its friends to meet the ever-expanding needs of our animal population. The cruel realism of inflation makes the League's task in providing needed services more difficult than ever, but with continued support, the challenge can and will be met.

In making a bequest to the League in your Will, please remember that the corporate title of our society is **"Animal Rescue League of Boston,"** that it was incorporated in 1899, and has no connection with any other similar society.

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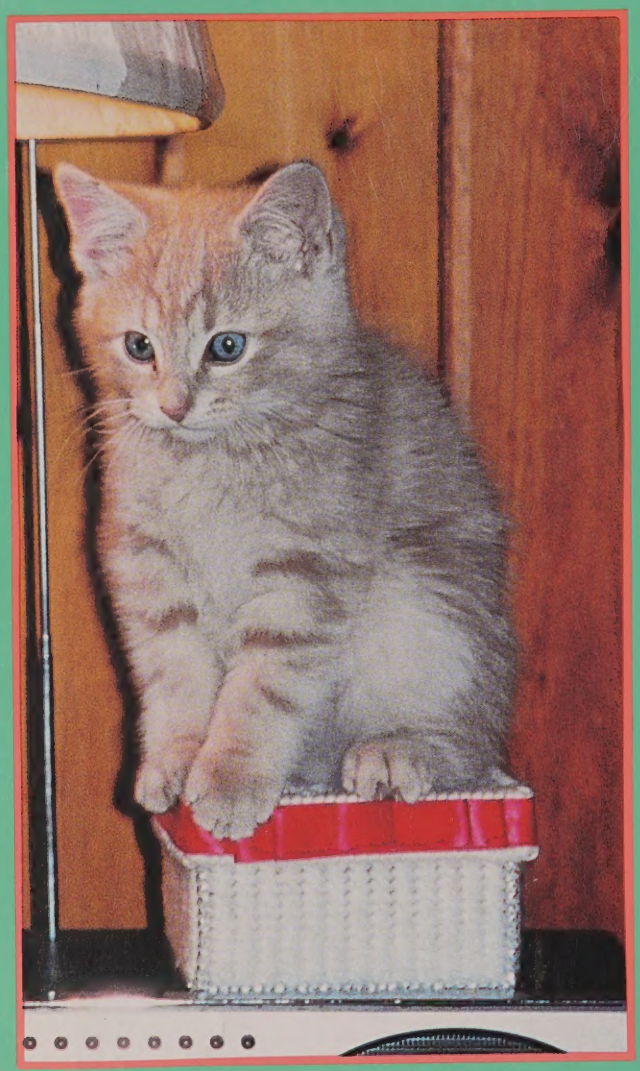

Basket of Cheer — "C.B.," who lives with Jessie Slade of East Hartford, is really named "Christopher Boston" after the shelter where he was adopted, but his initials could just as easily stand for "cute as a button."

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